

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on June 15, 2005 and the Advisory Action mailed on September 2, 2005.

Claims 1, 9, and 15 are amended; as a result, claims 1-20 are presenting pending in this application. These amendments are being concurrently submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the appropriate fee; therefore, entry of the amendments is appropriate.

Applicant has amended the independent claims to highlight that authentication, in Applicant's invention, occurs with multiple resources during a single logon session. The Examiner has admitted in the Advisory Action that the Howard reference fails to teach this limitation; but, the Examiner asserted that Applicant's claims as drafted did not preclude multiple sessions. The amended independent claims are now restricted to a single session; therefore, Howard can no longer be used to reject Applicant's independent claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow the claims.

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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY AUTHENTICATING A NETWORK CLIENT

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (513) 942-0224 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

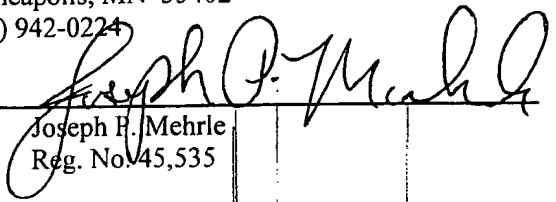
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